# UTAH **MEDICAL CANNABIS** PROGRAM DECEMBER 2021 UPDATE

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## PROGRAM UPDATES

#### **QMP REPORTING OF FEES**

A new Utah law requires that qualified medical providers (QMPs) report the fees they charge to patients for medical cannabis evaluation and recommendation visits. The fees reported will be posted on the websites of the department and the Office of the State Auditor (<a href="https://healthcost.utah.gov/">https://healthcost.utah.gov/</a>) as a health care cost transparency tool. The tool is intended to help patients and their families easily compare prices charged for medical cannabis evaluations. Only QMPs and medical clinics who represent online or on printed material that they offer medical cannabis evaluations are required to respond to the survey and report their fees.

The Center for Medical Cannabis emailed QMPs a link to the survey on December 3, 2021, and a follow up email was emailed on December 7, 2021. QMPs or the medical clinics that employ them are required to complete and submit this survey by December 17, 2021. If a QMP does not submit this survey by the required deadline, the department may temporarily suspend their registration as a QMP. Fee information collected may be verified by the department's compliance team. Each QMP is responsible to ensure the accuracy of the information reported in the survey. Any changes to a QMP's medical cannabis evaluation fee structure must be reported to the department at <a href="mailto:qmpcmc@utah.gov">qmpcmc@utah.gov</a> within seven business days of the changes.

Please contact the department at <a href="mailto:qmpcmc@utah.gov">qmpcmc@utah.gov</a> or 385-226-6586 with any questions or concerns about this new law.

# PUBLIC NOTICES

**CPB MEETING** 

The Cannabinoid Product Board will meet January 11, 2021, at 9 a.m. MST via online conference. Zoom Web Access: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83222618793. Meeting ID: 832 2261 8793.

Cannabinoid Product Board Minutes and Recordings are available via this link.

### UPCOMING UTAH LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The next General Session of the Utah Legislature begins on January 18, 2022, and it ends on March 4, 2022. There will likely be multiple bills considered that will impact the state's medical cannabis industry. You can find more information at le.utah.gov.

# **EVS AND ICS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **OMP PUBLISHED LIST**

PROVIDERS AND PATIENTS: A new qualified medical provider (QMP) look-up tool is on the Center for Medical Cannabis' (CMC) website. The tool enables patients to search the CMC's list of QMPs by keywords. This enables patients to narrow their search for providers to those located in a specific city or by other distinguishing information provided by a QMP. The list will only show QMPs that have requested their information be published.

The list can be found on the CMC's website here

Providers can follow these steps to verify their information: Log into evs.utah.gov. Hover over "Tracking Inbox" and click "QMP". Click your name. Once the application appears you will see the "UDOH Authorization to Publish" section on the lower right side. Providers may update this information during the renewal process, or they may make updates any other time by emailing <a href="mailto:qmpcmc@utah.gov">qmpcmc@utah.gov</a> with updated information.

#### SIX MONTH INITIAL PATIENT CARD

PROVIDERS AND PATIENTS: Beginning January 3, 2022, initial medical cannabis patient cards will be issued with an expiration date of six months instead of three months. All renewals for these new six-month cards will cost \$15. Patients who apply for the first renewal of their medical cannabis patient card prior to April 30, 2022, will still pay the \$5 currently charged for the first renewal.

#### **CUB PROCESS REMINDER**

PROVIDERS: The Compassionate Use Board (CUB) cannot review a patient with only a CUB petition submitted. A patient must be registered in the EVS and have a certification entered by a qualified medical provider in the EVS as well before the CUB can review them.

Providers may find more information on the CUB process here.

# STATISTICAL UPDATE

2021 ANNUAL REPORTS

The Center for Medical Cannabis released it's 2021 Annual Reports.

- Center for Medical Cannabis Annual Report
- Compassionate Use Board Annual Report
- Cannabinoid Product Board Annual Report

As of December 1, 2021, there were 40,697 active medical cannabis patient cardholders and 810 qualified medical providers registered by the Center for Medical Cannabis.

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